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In re the Application of

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For: VEHICLE DOOR OUTER HANDLE SYSTEM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: July 1, 2009

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated April 8, 2009.

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

As noted in the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 16, 2009, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), a Form PTO/SB/08a listing references cited by the IDS, and the references themselves were filed on December 8, 2005. To date, Applicants have not received confirmation that the Examiner has considered the references cited in the IDS. As such, Applicants respectfully request, **again**, that any subsequent communication from the Patent Office include the Form PTO/SB/08a initialed by the Examiner confirming the Examiner's consideration of the references cited in the IDS. Although the January 16 Preliminary Amendment enclosed a form PTO/SB08a for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants again enclose a copy of the